

Remarks

Applicant respectfully requests that this Amendment After Final Action be admitted under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116.

Applicant submits that this Amendment presents claims in better form for consideration on appeal. Furthermore, applicant believes that consideration of this Amendment could lead to favorable action that would remove one or more issues for appeal.

Claims 1, 2, 12, 15-17 and 19 have been amended. Claims 11, 14 and 23-29 have been canceled. Therefore, claims 1-10, 12, 13 and 15-22 are now presented for examination.

Applicant acknowledges that claims 11-20 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form to include the limitations of the base claims and any intervening claims.

Claim 1 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Horiguchi, U.S. Patent No. 4,561,103 (“Horiguchi”) in view of Szeliski et al., U.S. Patent No. 6,993,156 (“Szeliski”) and further in view of Itoh, U.S. Patent No. 6,810,156 (“Itoh”). Further, claims 2-10 and 21-22 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Hansen et al., U.S. Patent No. 7,013,803 (“Hansen”) in view of Itoh and further in view of Szeliski. Applicant submits that the above rejections have been obviated by the amendment of the claims to include the limitations indicated as allowable in the Office Action.

Claims 23-29 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being unpatentable over Hansen. Applicant submits that his rejection has been obviated by the cancellation of claims 23-29.

Applicant submits that the rejections have been overcome, and that the claims are in condition for allowance. Accordingly, applicant respectfully requests the rejections be withdrawn and the claims be allowed.

The Examiner is requested to call the undersigned at (303) 740-1980 if there remains any issue with allowance of the case.

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Respectfully submitted,
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